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Letter dated 28 May 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement issued on 23 May 2002 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union on the events in Kisangani (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement on the events in Kisangani issued on 23 May 2002 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union denounces the resurgence of violence in the areas occupied by the Rassemblement congolais pour la démocratie-Goma (RCD-Goma), notably in Kisangani, and the repression of the Congolese people by RCD-Goma members and Rwandan troops.

The European Union recalls the obligations stemming from the successive resolutions of the Security Council on the demilitarization of Kisangani.

The European Union would draw attention to the content of the statement it published on 30 April 2002 calling upon all parties to the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement to respect the end to hostilities and urging them to refrain from any act which might hinder the search for an inclusive solution to the conflict.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey and the European Free Trade Association countries Norway and Liechtenstein members of the European Economic Area align themselves with the present statement.